GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PLANTATION OF HERBAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Governmenthas sent any scheme to the Union Government for the plantation of herbal plants in the denuded forests;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed scheme;

(c) the areas selected under this scheme; and

(d) whether the Union Government is also likely to be benefited from the revenue earned from such herbal plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes, Sir. A five-year pilot project proposal for Regeneration of perennial herbs and shrubs having medicinal values in degraded forests was sent by Madhya Pradesh Government in May, 2000.

(b) The estimated cost of the project was Rs.242.00 lakhs for treating an area of 325 hectares (including maintenance for 3 years). The proposal was examined according to the guidelines and cost norms of the scheme and the same has been sanctioned for Rs. 59.70 lakhs for the remaining two years of the 9th Plan for treating an area of 325 hectares. An amount of Rs.20.00 lakhs has also been released as first instalment during 2000-01.

(c) The project is to be implemented in 23 villages of the districts of Panna and Chhatarpur.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.